

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

302 335-5891

April 8, 2013

Mayor James Frazier called the March 11th, 2013 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Vice Mayor Barry Fillman and Councilpersons Michael Cohill and Scott Fowler were present. Cheryl Carney was absent. Diane Cahall, Ralph Satterfield and State Representative Jack Peterman were present.

The agenda for the March 2013 meeting was accepted with no additions.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Barry Fillman made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Michael Cohill – Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier requested a motion to approve the treasurers' report and pay the bills. Also, new signature cards for bank accounts were prepared. Diane reported on all of the past water/tax bills and council advised her to resend delinquent letters. Michael Cohill made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills 2nd by Barry Fillman – Motion carried.

Representative Jack Peterman was present to report to council the parking lot renovations for the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. It was explained that Rep. Peterman's office (Miss Lex and Kay Wilson; 302 744-4033) will assist with the paperwork for the grant. Funding is coming from Rep. Peterman, Senator Colin Bonini and Representative Donald Blakey from a "Street Money". Rep. Peterman requested that we get a quote from Jerry's Paving in Milford. Any questions can be directed to Rep. Peterman: 302 632-8255.

Council reviewed all of the invoices from Aztech for the water repairs in the town. Scott Fowler reported we have one more bill for the Trailer Park repair and the permanent patching.

Scott Fowler reported that he contacted Sprint regarding the placement of a new antenna on the water tower. They will move the antenna over so the letter M in Magnolia is visible. Scott also contacted Delmarva Power regarding the leaning antenna tower/safety concerns at Lylle Lu Champions; 19 North Main St.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: 2/12 Flushed all hydrants. 2/15 With locator on Glanden property, could not find a shut off. 2/25 Posted notice and made contacts of valve change for 2/26. Supported valve change and flushed system when completed. Cleared 2 low flows in MMH Park. 2/27 Attended Expo and breakout sessions with DRWA. 2/28 Filled pot holes on W. Walnut, dressed flags. 3/9 Refilled pot holes on W. Walnut and flushed school. Ralph also stated that we should spray the trees for bag worms.

Council discussed the possibility of changing our electric provider. The Magnolia Fire Company switched and their rate dropped from 9 cents per kilowatt to 7 cents per kilowatt. Delaware Power still handles the billing but the provider you pick lowers the rate.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,528,000 gallons of water during February 2013. Pump 2: 791,000 gallons. Pump 3: 737,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 43.3 hours, Pump 3 ran 43.4 hours. Average chlorine is .31. Scott Fowler and Ed Marvel prepared the public health reports and Diane will mail reports to the Division of Drinking Water.

Council discussed which properties would be turned over to Kent County as abandoned/neglected. Mayor Frazier will notify the county of the following properties and submit photos along with the addresses.

9 North Main Street – Thomas Lane
15 North Main Street – Thomas Lane
33 North Main Street – John Leinbach
10 West Walnut Street – Edward Parsons
27 West Walnut Street – David Aldridge

Vice Mayor Fillman notified council that he was speaking with Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson regarding a park for Magnolia. Mr. Buckson stated that Kent County owns 2 acres south of the town limits (at the Sophie's Row road corner) that the town could possibly have – if we agree to build a park. This property is not easily accessible to town residents so Council tabled the idea at this time.

Diane will be mailing water bills at the end of March and will include a note advising all property owners to keep their yards and sidewalks clean, mowed and safe.

Council discussed Heritage Day; Mayor Frazier is not in favor of the Town spending such a large amount of funds on the event this year. Perhaps we could skip a year; and start it again next year. Council does not know what Cheryl Carney has done up to this point with the 2013 Heritage Day.

Mayor Frazier opened discussion on the 2013 tax rate and water rates. Michael Cohill made a motion to keep the rates the same; 2nd by Barry Fillman – Motion passed. Diane will run reports on the water system income as well as expenses for the past year so we can see where we stand to run a new water line all the way out West Walnut.

Mayor Frazier opened discussion on the reappointment of town offices. Michael Cohill made a motion to reappoint: Diane Cahall, Scott Fowler, Ed Marvel and Ralph Satterfield to their respected positions for another year; Barry Fillman 2nd the motion – Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm made by Barry Fillman and 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectively Submitted,



Diane P. Cahall, Secretary